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May 26, 2004

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Dear Mr. Campbell:

This refers to the adoption of Rule 820-2-6 (2004), which provides for forms and the procedures for implementing provisional voting in compliance with the requirements of Section 302 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 15482, and Ala. Code §§ 17-10A-1 to 17-10A-2 (Supp. 2003) for the State of Alabama, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on May 3, 2004.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Rich
Chief, Voting Section